



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
BUDE-STRATTON URBAN DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1941

Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area	4,294 acres
Population	5,640 estimated, an increase due to Clifton College being evacuated to Bude.
Number of Inhabited Houses	1,290
Rateable Value	£ 47,727
Penny Rate Represents	£198, 17s. 3d.
Social Condition.	A seaside resort with many visitors during the Summer months. Some Evacuees still remain, but many have returned to their homes. Clifton College have evacuated to Bude, and soldiers are billeted in the town.

Vital Statistics.

Total number of Deaths	94. Males 53, Females 41.
Total number of Deaths transferred to other Districts.	13. Males 8, Females 5.
Total number of Deaths (Local)	81. Males 45, Females 36.
	Rate per 1,000 14.36.
Total number of Births	95. Males 53, Females 42.
	Rate per 1,000 16.84.
Natural increase	14.
Puerperal Sepsis and Puerperal Causes	Nil.
Cancer	17
Measles	Nil
Whooping Cough	Nil
Diphtheria	Nil

General Provision of Health Services.

1. Public Health Officers.
 - (1) Part time Medical Officer of Health.
 - (2) Whole time Sanitary Inspector.
2. Tuberculosis. All cases notified to the County Medical Officer of Health.
3. Maternity and Infant Welfare. Two resident Midwives are working in the District.
Institution Provision for Maternity cases at Launceston.

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4. Fever Cases. An Isolation Hospital containing 14 beds is situated at Stratton.
5. Small Pox. No local accommodation.
6. Cottage Hospital. Situated at Stratton and contains 18 Beds.
7. Ambulance Facilities. A Motor Ambulance is kept at Bude and is financed jointly by the Bude-Stratton Urban District Council and the Stratton Rural District Council. Fees are charged for the use of the same.
8. Clinics and Treatment Centres. Children's Clinic and Orthopaedic Clinic held monthly in Bude.
9. Professional Nursing in the Homes. Only Maternity cases are nursed by Midwives.
10. Midwives. Two resident Midwives in the District.
11. Chemical Work. None locally.
12. Nursing Homes. One Certificated Nursing Home in Bude.

Sanitary Circumstances of the District.

1. Water Supply. An excellent supply from Tamar Lake. Satisfactory analysis taken twice a year.
2. Rivers and Streams. No cases of Pollution.
3. Drainage and Sewerage.

Bude Ward. Sewage is collected and stored in a large tank under the cliff and emptied at times suitable for the tides. This answers satisfactorily.

Stratton Ward.

Sewage is collected and passed through a Septic Tank, thence to a stream; satisfactory in every way.

Poughill Ward.

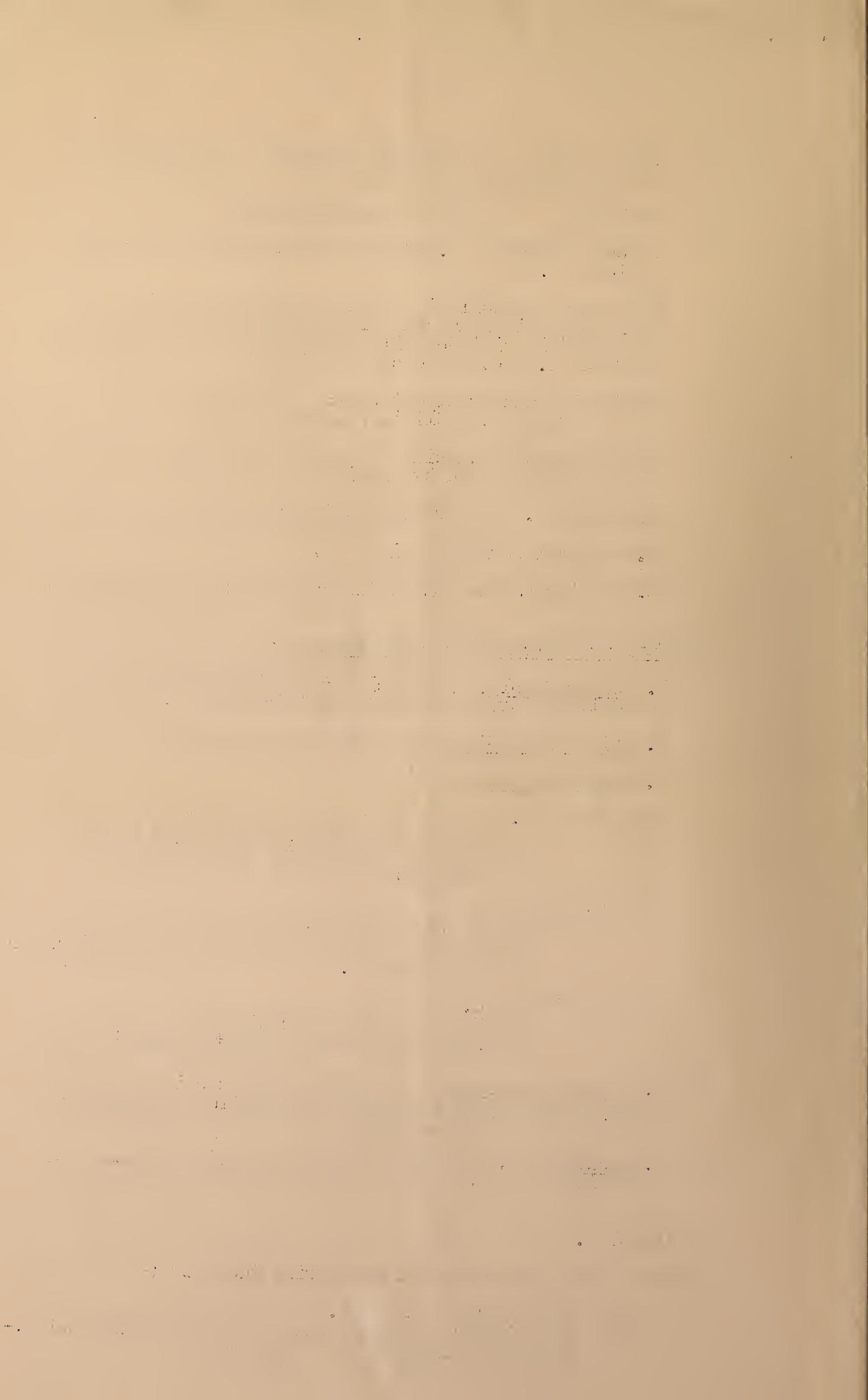
This is not very satisfactory, but some work has been done and there is improvement.

4. Closet Accommodation. All the Houses in the Bude and Stratton Wards with very few exceptions are connected with the main Sewerage Scheme.
5. Scavenging. Undertaken by the Council and has been well carried out.

HOUSING.

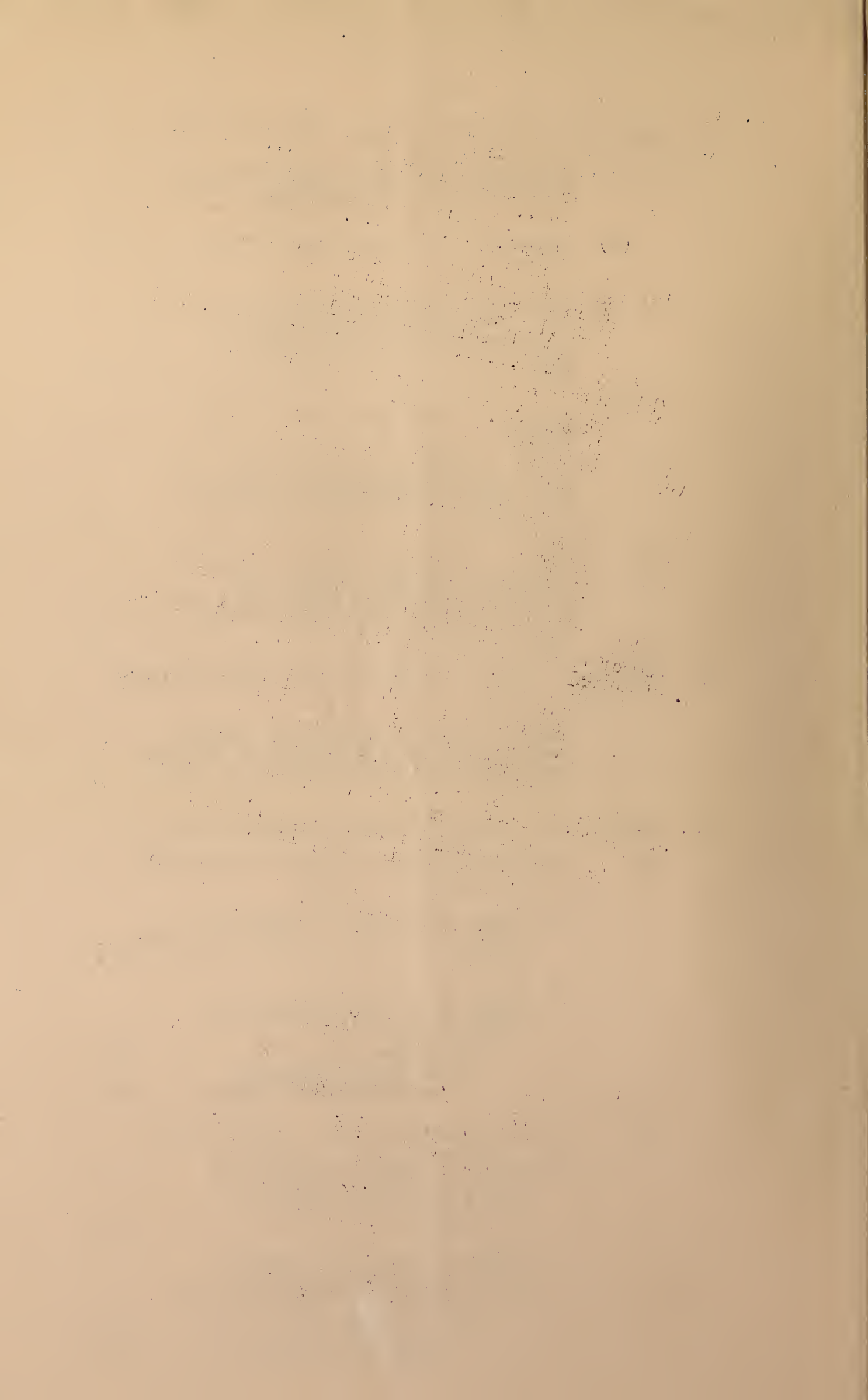
Number of new houses erected during the year :-

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| (a) | Total number | 3. |
| (b) | With State assistance under the Housing Acts :- | |
| | By Local Authority | Nil. |
| | By other persons | Nil. |



1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :-
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 32
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 34
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 18
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 18
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 5
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice :-

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 5
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-
 - (a) Proceedings under Sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.
 - (1) Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs Nil
 - (2) Number of Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice
 - (a) by Owners Nil
 - (b) by Local Authority in default of owners Nil
 - (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied Nil
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-
 - (a) by Owners Nil
 - (b) by Local Authority in default of owners Nil



- (c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made 1
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil. One house closed by agreement with the Owner.
- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made Nil
 - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit..... Nil.

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding :-

- (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 1
- (2) Number of families dwelling therein 1
- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein.. 7
- (b) Number of new cases reported during the year Nil
- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Nil
- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases Nil
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil
- (e) Any other conditions with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report Nil

Fitness of House.

Satisfactory on the whole. No unhealthy areas. Some old houses will be condemned when suitable houses can be built.

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Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

Meat. No slaughtering takes place in the District.
Three cases where the meat or tinned meat was condemned.

Bakeries. Well kept and regularly inspected.

Milk. Cowsheds and dairies regularly inspected.
Milk supply very satisfactory.

Public Conveniences.

Sufficient for the requirements of the Bude and Stratton Wards. No Conveniences in the Poughill Ward. This should be remedied.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases. Respiratory	Males 5, Females 3.
Non Respiratory	Males 1, Females 1.

Control of Infectious Diseases.

All cases are reported and if necessary removed to the Isolation Hospital.

Notifiable Diseases :-

Scarlet Fever	9. All under 14 years of age.
Diphtheria	2. Both non-Civilians
Cerebro-spinal	2. Both non-Civilians.

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